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2009 PALARONG PAMBANSA TECHNICAL GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The 2009 Palarong Pambansa will officially open on April 27, 2009 at the Leyte Sports Development Center (LSDC), Tacloban City, and close on May 3, 2009 also at the LSDC. All athletes, coaches, delegation officials and officiating officials shall attend both opening and closing ceremonies. (Annex A – Schedule of Activities for the 2009 Palarong Pambansa).
2. All sports competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the international rules and regulations. However, ground rules shall be prescribed if and when necessitated by local conditions, provided that these ground rules are agreed upon by the coaches of the teams concerned. All sports equipment to be used in the Palarong Pambansa shall be those of international standards and/or those used in international competitions whenever available. (Annex B – General Technical Guidelines and Competition Formats for the 2009 Palarong Pambansa).
3. There shall be fifteen (15) sports events in the elementary division and seventeen (17) in the secondary division. Each regional delegation shall be composed of four hundred seventy-five (475) members, broken down as follows: three hundred eighty-three (383) athletes, eighty (80) coaches and chaperons, and twelve (12) delegation officials. (Annex C – The Sports Events and the Official Number of Athletes, Coaches and Official per Regional Delegation).
4. The 2009 Palarong Pambansa Rules and Guidelines on the Screening and Accreditation of Athletes and Coaches are enclosed (Annex D) for the information and strict compliance of all concerned. Any violation will be dealt with accordingly, and sanctions will definitely be imposed upon all those who are involved, directly or indirectly. Moreover, such sanctions may also include suspending the participation of the region involved in future Palaros.

5. There shall be special events in this year's Palaro, as follows:
- a. Search for "Mr. and Ms. Palaro 2009" – to be conducted by the host Local Government Unit (LGU) and Regional Office (RO) (Annex E1-Guidelines for the Search for "Mr. and Ms. Palaro 2009");
 - b. Dance Sport Competitions – to be conducted by the host LGU and RO (Guidelines for the Dance Sport Competitions to be issued later);
 - c. Special Games for Persons with Disability – to be integrated in the regular competitions but without general championship points (Annex E2-Guidelines for the Special Games); and
 - d. "Unity Cheerdance" – to be performed by all regional delegations as the ending number of the Opening Ceremonies.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

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